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1. On 16 July 1953, a troop train with 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 4 x 25-mm AA guns, 6 trucks, and 1 field kitchen was loaded at Eberswalde. The train left toward north. On 21 July, a train of 8 boxcars with ammunition and escort personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets passed through Eberswalde toward Finow.
2. At 6 p.m. on 24 June, 5 prime movers and 4 AT guns were entrained at Neubrandenburg-Sued. On the evening of 27 June, tanks and SP guns Nos were observed driving to the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg. (F-3) On the evening of 6 July, trucks with pontons, and an amphibious car left the Panzer Kaserne to be loaded at the Neubrandenburg-Sued railroad station. At noon on 7 July, a troop train carrying 20 trucks with pontons, 3 trucks with hoisting gear, and 1 amphibious car was standing at the Neubrandenburg-Sued railroad station. Converted boxcars, and additional trucks with pontons standing on the ramp to be loaded, were also observed at the railroad station.
3. Between 2 and 16 July, the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg was occupied by a guard detail of about 25 soldiers only. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets.
4. Between 2 and 16 July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Perleberg housed a guard detail which had been reinforced. Between 16 and 26 June, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was occupied by troops which returned from Camp Schweinrich. The troops did not leave the installation during the above period. The arrival on 16 June and departure on 26 June was not covered by source. In early August, Colonel Drapachenko (fnu) was to be discharged. At present, the colonel was at Camp Schweinrich. Captain Melikov (phonetically spelled) acted as his representative. On 20 July, Colonel Ananyev (fnu) was to return from leave. He was to be discharged in the fall as he had reached age limit. Major Zorokin (fnu), his deputy, was still at Camp Schweinrich.

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5. Officers identified in Perleberg included (first names unknown):

Barabash, 1st Co; Borozin, 7th Co; Vasilyev, 8th Co; Polechuk, 9th Co; Babenko, 10th Co; Shuma, 11th Co; Geifuzin, 12th Co; Komarov, 13th Co; and Vykhozvi (phonetically spelled), 14th Co. ³

6. Between 2 and 16 July, the Spiegelhagen ammunition depot was occupied by a guard detail of about 25 soldiers.

7. Source learned that the special construction office in Perleberg was to be shifted from Kech Schwerin to Kech Stendal. Camp Schweinrich was to be attached to Kech Fuerstenberg. The special construction office in Neuruppin was dissolved. A construction engineer from Neuruppin was transferred to Damgarten. The projects at Rostock, Ruegen and Stralsund were stopped, while the construction of barracks installations near Guestrow, totaling 18 million eastmarks, was to be completed without restriction. ⁴

8. Troop trains observed at the Altruppin railroad station between 4 and 15 July included the following trains dispatched from Berlin-Buch, [redacted] to Altruppin, [redacted]

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<u>Date in July</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>
12	7:30 a.m.	2 converted boxcars, 12 RRYM-type flatcars and 2 side-rack flatcars with 12 tanks and 2 trucks
	9: a.m.	2 converted boxcars, 12 SSy-type flatcars and 1 side-rack flatcar with 12 tanks and 1 truck
	11 a.m.	3 converted boxcars, 6 RRYM-type flatcars, 4 SSY-type flatcars and 1 side-rack flatcar with 10 tanks and 1 truck
13	8:30 a.m.	2 converted boxcars, 11 RRYM-type flatcars and 2 side-rack flatcars with 11 tanks and 2 trucks
	10 a.m.	4 converted boxcars, 11 RRYM-type flatcars and 2 side-rack flatcars with 11 tanks and 2 trucks

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9. Troop trains observed at the Neuruppin railroad station between 4 and 15 July included the following trains dispatched from Berlin-Buch, [] to Neuruppin, []

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12	6:40 a.m.	16 RRYM-type flatcars and 3 side-rack flatcars with 16 tanks and 3 trucks
	8:30 a.m.	2 converted boxcars and 14 RRYM-type flatcars with 14 tanks
	noon	3 converted boxcars and 12 RRYM-type flatcars with 12 tanks
13	7:20 a.m.	7 converted boxcars and 53 side-rack flatcars with trucks
	10:30 a.m.	2 converted boxcars, 13 RRYM-type flatcars and 1 side-rack flatcar with 13 tanks and 1 truck

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3. [] Comment. Similar observations were made by the same source prior to 27 June 1953. See []. The following officers mentioned in paragraphs 4 and 5 are known: Colonel Drapachenko (fnu); Colonel Ananyev (fnu); Major Zorokin (fnu); Lieutenant Colonel Vasilyev (fnu); Major Polechuk (fnu); and Major Babenko (fnu). Except for Colonel Ananyev, most of the officers were supply officers.

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4. [] Comment. The project is identical with the previously reported Priemerwald project near Guestrow.

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